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SUBJ: REACTION TO ADAPAZARI ELECTION

REF: ISTANBUL 2212 (NOTAL)

1. THE THREE LARGEST PARTIES WORKED HARD TO WIN THE RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT MAYORAL ELECTION AT ADAPAZARI (REFTEL). IN DOING SO, THEY INFLATED ITS IMPORTANCE AS A TEST OF COMPARATIVE STRENGTHS. BOTH THE JUSTIC PARTY (JP) AND THE REPUBLICAN PEOLPE'S PARTY (RPP) NOW APPARENTLY ARE ATTEMPTING TO CAPITALIZE ON WHATEVER PROPAGANDA VALUE THEY CAN EXTRACT FROM THE RESULTS. THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) (WHOSE CANDIDATE FINISHED A DISMAL THIRD) IS FORCED INTO A SOUR GRAPES APPROACH BELITTLING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTION.

A. PRIMIN DEMIREL EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE ADAPAZARI ELECTION(WON BY THE JP CANDIDATE WITH OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE VOTE) AND IS QUOTED IN JULY 15 MILLIYET AS SAYING "IF WE HAD LOST THE ELECTION, THE RPP WOULD NOT HAVE LET US WALK IN THE STREET."

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B. RPP DEPUTY SECGEN USTUNDAG MADE A STATEMENT NOTING AN INCREASE TO 40 PERCENT IN THE RPP SHARE OF THE ADAPAZARI VOTE COMPARED WITH THE 31 PERCENT IN THE 1973 GENERAL ELECTIONS. (USTUNDAG IGNORED THE 44 PERCENT OBTAINED BY THE RPP IN THE 1973 ADAPAZARI MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.)

C. NSP MINISTER OF STATE HASAN AKSAY NOTED THAT "SURPRISES ARE NORMAL IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS."

2. JULY 15 PRO-GOVERNMENT SON HAVADIS HAILED THE "GREAT VICTORY" OF THE JP WHICH DEMONSTRATED THAT THE PUBLIC "PREFERS BUILDERS TO FALSE HEROES." LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET NOTED THAT SINCE "LOCAL FACTORS" PLAY A GREAT ROLE IN THIS TYPE OF ELECTION, IT IS "TOO SOON TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF GENERAL ELECTIONS." MASS-CIRUCLATION HURRIYET CHIDED ECEVIT FOR MAKING THE ADAPAZARI ELECTION A TEST OF RPP STRENGTH SINCE "PERSONS CLOSE TO THE ADMINISTRATION IN POWER ARE USUALLY PREFERRED" IN SUCH ELECTIONS.

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